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BUT

NO OFFERS OF GRACE.

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ON INVITING AND EXHORTING SINNERS TO

COME TO CHRIST,

WHEREIN THE DOCTRINES OF INVITATIONS AND OFFERS ARE STATED AND COMPARED WITH THE

GLORY OF FREE GRACE.

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TO THE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS.

Turn you to the ſtrong-hold, ye priſoners of hope. Prove all things; hold faſt that which is good.

RESPECTING Mr. Huſſey's Treatiſe on God's Operations of Grace, permit me to ſay, that in every age Satan has had his engines planted againſt Mount Zion, "the church of the living God, the beloved city," either to diſtreſs or to deſtroy her. Among others, falſe apoſtles, falſe miniſters, falſe doctrines, were none of the leaſt, in order to pervert the right ways of the Lord, and to turn aſide the ſimple from the paths of underſtanding.

In the days of the Rev. Mr. Huſſey, the author of this precious and experimental treatiſe, they abounded. Miniſters of Satan transformed into Angels of light, appeared to him more deteſtable and more dangerous to the church and fold of Chriſt, than open oppoſers of the truth as it is in Jeſus. Such wolves in ſheeps cloathing had crept in unawares, not merely to ſpy out, but, if poſſible, to root out the liberties and privileges of the children of God.

Theſe baſe ends they endeavoured to accompliſh, not by fair, open, avowed oppoſition to the truth, but by holding it in unrighteouſneſs; walking in craftineſs, in half-heartedneſs, and hypocriſy; by feigned words, making merchandize of the ſimple and their experiences; holding the letter of the word, but denying the ſpirit of it; holding the form, but denying the power of it: from ſuch he turned away.

Their buſineſs was, to aim oblique ſtrokes at Chriſtian experience. "Remove the foundation and what ſhall the righteous do?" Confound the marks

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of ſound converſion, "ſo the hope of the righteous is removed like a tree."—Theſe baſe ends were to be accompliſhed, by calling an aſſurance of faith, vain preſumption—a good hope, a falſe notion—communion with Father and Son through the Spirit, forced imagination—repentance unto life, a thing uncertain—an application of the word of life and promiſe to the ſoul, fanaticiſm and deluſion;—in ſhort, that a life of faith in the Lamb of God, was not ſo much to be depended on as a life of doubting—that the love of God ſhed abroad in the heart, was not ſufficient to produce good works, unleſs ſlaviſh fear was mixed with it.

Thus, theſe arch heralds of Satan attempted to deſtroy the believer's ſtanding on the Rock of Ages, to tear from his boſom every ground of comfort, and pluck him from his ſtrong holds, by firſt obliterating the marks of his regeneration, ſonſhip, and intereſt in Chriſt; and then, if poſſible, debaſe him to the level of their own uncertainties.

Yet, to give a finiſhing ſtroke to the whole, brand him with the odious name of Antinomian, while themſelves, as enemies to the power of godlineſs, were the only characters in the world that deſerved it.

In oppoſition to ſuch, and in order to ſtop the mouths of ſuch betrayers of the flock of Chriſt, the Lord raiſed up our author, and cauſed him to ſend forth this treatiſe, on GOD's OPERATIONS of GRACE; who, well aware of the craft of his adverſaries, was, in the ſtrength of the Lord, enabled to hold forth and defend thoſe truths its enemies had endeavoured to obſcure; deſcribing,

The marks, evidences, privileges, difficulties, and temptations of the children of God.

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The glory of Chriſt, in his kingdom, offices, characters, and covenant engagements, &c.

The abiding influence and ſufficiency of the Holy Ghoſt to teach his people, and guide them into all truth.

The privileges of ſaints, and the portion of hypocrites.

The work of Chriſt's miniſters, and the devices of Satan's meſſengers.

The ſufficiency of Chriſt, and the inſignificancy of every thing ſhort of him.

Now, reader, for your ſake as well as my own, I have re-publiſhed this; if you know your intereſt in theſe things, happy are you. If you do not, be adviſed; rely on no man's bare word; hear for yourſelf, read for yourſelf, pray for yourſelf, and get a knowledge of your intereſt in Chriſt for yourſelf; ſuch a thing is to be had, and without it religion is vain. "Therefore, prove all things; hold faſt that which is good; be not deceived, God is not mocked; whatſoever a man ſoweth, that ſhall he alſo reap; for he that ſoweth to his fleſh, ſhall of the fleſh reap corruption; but he that ſoweth to the Spirit, ſhall of the Spirit reap life everlaſting." That the latter may be your portion, is the wiſh of, Your's, &c.

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